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Letter To The Editor

Appomattox, Va. 24522
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Mr. Lloyd Vaughan
Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va. 24522
Dear Mr. Vaughan:

On behalf of the Appomattox County 4-H boys and girls we wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and your firm for assisting in the sponsorship of the special publicity for National 4-H Club Week.

The fact that you have generously given your support to this project speaks well of your concern for our youth in Appomattox County. The 4-H program in our county involves about 760 young people between nine and nineteen years of age. Many adults and 4-H parents assist with the programs and activities involving 4-H members.

Sincerely yours.
Shirley Walton,
Extension Agent.
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Commissioner of Agriculture & Commerce Urges Protection of Virginia's Agricultural land

"It is of absolute critical concern that thoughtless conversions of good agricultural land to other uses stop immediately if we are to have enough food and fiber for future generations," stated S. Mason Carbaugh, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce, at a seminar on land use plans and policies.

The Commissioner told the seminar participants that the American people can no longer take for granted abundant, supplies of food at levels of high quality and low price which are unequalled anywhere in the world. Carbaugh urged planners to consider the protection of existng agricultural land and to develop only that land which is unsuitable for agricultural production purposes. "A land use plan must be created to assure adequate production of food needs and a certain minimum acreage of the lands which are today considered agricultural must be reserved exclusively for agricultural production purposes in the future," Carbaugh said.

Citing rising population projections and noting that decreased production per acre can occur when social constraints, such as the recent prohibitions of DDT and diethylstilbestrol, are placed upon agricultural technology, the Commissioner said that almost five million acres of agricultural crop land will be needed for agricultural production in Virginia in the year 2000 compared to the present 4.01 million. If present land use trends continue and there is no land use policy which would assure that agricultural crop land will not be converted to other uses, Carbaugh warned that in the year 2000, "there will probably not be sufficient crop land on which to grow foodstuffs."

The seminar, held in Roanoke and sponsored by the Marshall-Wythe Institute of the College of William and Mary and the Division of State Planning and Community Affairs, concludes with today's session. Participants, including representatives of planning districts, local governments and State agencies, have, for three days, discussed problems and issues related to land use planning in Virginia.

Best Of Press

Think On It

A meeting is where a group of people approve the minutes and waste the hours.

-Record, Columbia, S.C.

The Pastor Speaks

"And Now abideth . . . Hope."

Text: Hebrews 6:19 *"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast. . ."*

What is hope? It reminds me of a man here in Vera who stayed by his now dead wife's side for many years through a deteriorating disease yet he never ceased to trust God and his wife never lost that trust. Hope is the built in trust that God is near and that, whatever happens in this perishi n g world, good can be had.

It is to know that God's forgiveness in Christ never ceases. Take the alcoholic who ruins his life daily. He has been heped for years with money, counsel, hours of talk, until someone says, "I have done all I can for him, I wash my hands of him." I do not believe that God has given up hope. His grace and love goes out to everyone. *"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."* [*Romans 3:233*] *"But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ."*

This is the hope of every sinful person that God ever stands with infinite forgiveness waiting for those who will be justified by faith.

This hope, the believing soul has in the Lord Jesus is an anchor which cannot be made to totter or break down when put under stress and strain. Let this hope give you peace and love in your daily life.

Rev. Deryl B. Holliday
New Hope Baptist Church
Vera, Virginia

PRIMARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

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Wed., Oct. 24 - Pizza, string beans, apple sauce, orange sections, milk.

Thurs., Oct. 25 - Hamburger on bun, potato chips, steamed cabbage, saucer fruit, milk.

Fri., Oct. 26 - Vegetable beef soup or tomato soup, crackers, toasted cheese cheese s a n d-wich, ice cream, milk.

The Sunday School Lesson

Herbert C. Bradshaw
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Durham, N. C. 27702

Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, October 21, 1973.

Topic: Free but Still Bound

Scripture: Romans 6:' - 7:25

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Galatians 5:25.

This week's International Sunday School lesson deals with one of the perplexing problems of Christian life and faith, freedom. The non-Christian taunts the Christian with the charge that he lacks freedom, that he cannot engage in certain practices considered inconsistent with the Christian profession and must do certain things which are expected of Christians. The non-Christian claims complete freedom for himself, that he may do as he pleases.

The non-Christian's concept of freedom is mistaken, for he confuses freedom with license. Freedom is no more license than it is oppression or repression, but is rather the golden mean between these extremes. Actually the freedom the individual enjoys is the freedom to choose what sort of life he will live, what or whom he will commit his life to.

God does not compel a person to choose commitment to Him, although in His infinite power He could do so if He chose. But a forced commitment, given the nature of the human mind, is not a real, only a superficial commitment. The mind being what it is, the forced commitment invites rebellion at the earliest likely opportunity. There may be pressures leading a person to commitment to God, as was evident in the case of Paul, when the risen Christ spoke to him on the road to Damascus, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads."

God wants only voluntary commitment to Him. The seeming contradiction between the pressures, which might better be termed persuasion, which lead to commitment to God and Voluntary commitment on the part of the individual has been well resolved in Question 31 of the Shorter Catechism and its answer:

"What is effectual calling?"

"Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, He doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ freely offered to us in the gospel."

As every person grows up, he chooses, either by deliberate and consious choice or by negligently falling into a way of life, something or someone to commit his life to. He makes himself a slave to this choice. Thus Paul could describe himself as a servant, in its old-fashioned usage as a as a synonym for slave of Jesus Christ. It is important to point out that a person who does not voluntarily choose to make himself a slave of God chooses to make himself a slave to someone or something else. Paul summarizes all these other choices in one word, sin. The slave of sin is free in regard to righteousness, but the result of his slavery to sin is death:

"But now that you have been set free from sin," he writes to the Christians at Rome, "and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord."

Such theologians as John MacMurray and John A. Mackay make much of the point that, in MacMurray's phrase, "only real people can be free." Real people are those who "think and feel and act" outside themselves, that is, who choose a commitment beyond and greater than themselves. Slavery to self is one of the most deadening of human experiences, for when a person puts self first, he finds that what he thought would gratify does not and life becomes empty indeed. Slavery to self takes various forms in giving life's priorities to wealth or power or fame or pleasure. Jesus expressed the profound truth in the seeming paradox, that the person who would save his life shall lose it and the person who would lose his life, in service to Him and His gospel, shall save it. This is one of the mysteries of reality: it may seem contradictory, but experience proves it true.

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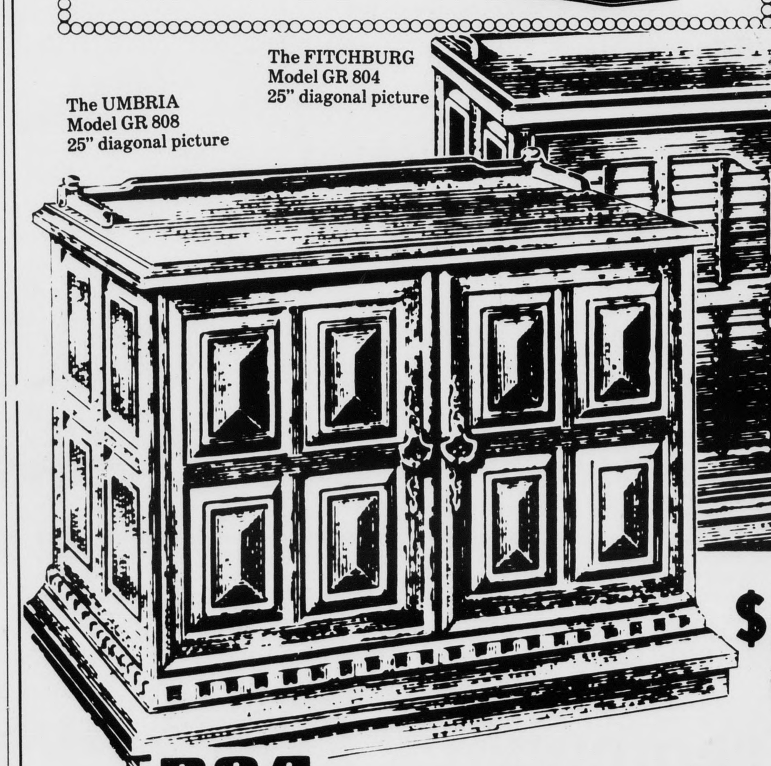

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...E. T. Bruce, and Mrs. ...Paulette were luncheon ...of Mrs. Roy Keys last house.

... W. W. Jennings, of ... visited Mrs. W. C. ...e last week.

... W. W. Jennings, of ... is visiting Mrs. H. D.

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... Virginia Reynolds and ... Leslie Wooldridge, of ...burg, visited Mr. and ...esse Franklin and family ...

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... W. W. Jennings, of ... was the luncheon guest ... and Mrs. J. M. Harvey ...eek.

... Bernard St. John spent ...ek end at her home.

... Mattie Pillow, of Mid... ...pent Saturday night in ...e of Mr. and Mrs. Z.E. ...am.

... Howard Glover, of Lyn... ..., visited Mrs. J. C. ... and Mr. Frank Glover ...

... Z.E. Cheatham and Mr. ...Baker and son, Steve ...ed the horse show Satur... ...ht at Volens.

...and Mrs. Vernon Racer, ... Concord, were dinner ...of Mrs. E. T. Bruce and ... C. J. Paulette Sunday ... Mr. and Mrs. Freddie ... visited in the same house.

Rev. and Mrs. John Franklin, of Henderson, N.C., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Clapp and son.

A number from here attended the homecoming at New Hope Church at Vera Sunday.

The revival is in progress at the Methodist Church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamilton, of Newport News, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton.

Mrs. R. J. Paulette was the luncheon guest of Mrs. Clara Garrett and Mrs. Alice Jackson.

PAMPLIN

Mrs. Glenn Longsworth and son George of Farmville spent last Sunday with Mrs. Katherine Cunningham.

Mrs. Joan Jurney and family of Danville attended the Annual October Fest at Longwood College last Saturday also visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams.

Mrs. Margaret Marshall of Appomattox visited relatives last Sunday.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Hubert Price returned home last week from Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Inge visited Mr. Inge's aunt, Mrs. Walter Gordon in Bluefield, W. Va. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elder and daughters, Carolyn and Linda, Mr. Robert, Tom and Kim Maxwell of Appomattox, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Layne and sons, Johnnie and Forest of Charlotte C. H. visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Maxwell last Sunday.

Stonewall

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Josh. 24:15.

Mrs. Herbert Matthews of Orange spent weekend with her father Mr. J. O. Davidson.

Mrs. Bob Worley visited Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Thursday morning.

Mr. Edward Davidson was home for the weekend from New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Virginia Staton returned Saturday from a visit to their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Staton and baby daughter in Plainsville, Indiana.

The club will meet with Mrs. Ruth Carson Wednesday afternoon.

A large number went to the Farm Bureau Supper Saturday night. The ladies of Bethel Church gave the supper. A real banquet was had.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler came home Wednesday after a short visit with The Bob Wheeler's of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. George Alvis.

Mrs. Elsie Caldwell is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sep Spencer at Colonial Heights, Va. this week.

Mrs. Nina Caldwell attended the birthday of her grandson Will Harris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carson visited her sister at Pamplin Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Moore and family will spend the weekend with his family in South Carolina. We will have the pleasure of hearing Rev. R. P. Welch at Hebron Sunday.

Mrs. Hazel Gillespie spent several days with her sister-in-law at Gladstone last week.

Oakville News

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis B. Moore and boys, Barry and Richard, Mr. Joel Smith and son, Joel, of Lynchburg, Mr. Harold Smith, Miss Alice Garnett, Miss Annie Smith, all of Richmond, Mrs. Molly Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Doss.

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